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TO : D. RECTOR

FROM : [ ]

ACTION: SR 7

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SECRET 291541Z

DIR INFO [ ] (POUCH) CITE [ ] IS

REDWOOD

REF [ ] (IN 04088) \*

291541Z 09644

1. 23 AUGUST [ ] MADE AVAILABLE TO [ ] [ ]

INTERROGATION AND FILE ON BENS. PERTINENT FACTS ARE:

A. BENS. EXPERT RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND HISTORY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BULGARIA.

B. WAS COMRADE SYMPATHIZER (BUT NOT MEMBER) FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SPONSORED BY PIACENZA FEDERATION.

C. FOR SPIRITUAL AND IDEOLOGICAL REASONS APPROACHED CATHOLIC CHURCH BEGINNING 1961. THRU PARISH PRIEST MET MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN VACATIONING RUSSIAN SUMMER VILLA IN AREA.

D. RECENT TRIP MOSCOW WAS FINANCED AND PROBABLY SPONSORED BY RUSSIAN.

E. BENS. BELIEVES ARREST DUE XGB ATTEMPT UNCOVER TWO RUSSIAN PRIESTS AMONGST ITALIAN GROUP WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS FATHERS EZIO CADONNA AND PIETRO MODESTO. BENS. CLAIMS HE DID NOT COMPROMISE PRIESTS' IDENTITIES ALTHO XGB QUERIED HIM ON THIS.

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F. BENSI ADMITS PROMISED COLLABORATE SOVS AND SIGNED DOCUMENT THERETO. FIRST MEETING SET FOR BULGARIA IF AND WHEN HE CAN ARRANGE GO THERE CONJUNCTION HIS STUDIES. BENSI AND [ ] BELIEVE COULD BE SOV PLOY BECAUSE SOVS EXPECT ITALIANS WOULD NOT GRANT BENSI VISA UNLESS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

G. BENSI AGREED COLLABORATE WITH [ ]

2. POUCHING DETAILS.

3. REQUEST TRACES FATHERS CADORNA AND MODESTO. NO STATION TRACES.

4. REQUEST 201 FOR BENSI.

5. INDEX.

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C/A COMMENT: REF RYBAT

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